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Mr. William L. Borden  
Executive Director  
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy  
Congress of the United States  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Borden:

This will confirm our conversation on the subject of a report on the "Status of the Soviet Atomic Energy Program".

You will recall that at the time the report dated March 6, 1952, [REDACTED] was forwarded to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, it was indicated that a further report would be delayed until probably late Fall of this year when additional data which should permit substantial narrowing of the limits of uncertainty could be considered.

I am advised that some of the expected data has been received. A draft of a proposed report incorporating these data is undergoing preparation and consideration by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee.

In view of the fact that all of the expected data have not been received, and probably will not be available until the beginning of 1953, the report now being considered by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee will be in the nature of an interim report covering the "Status of the Soviet Atomic Energy Program" to mid-1952.

Sincerely yours,

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